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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dedrick et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by amending claims 1 and 5 to include the limitations of claim 14 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1 and claims 6 and 8 depend from claim 5. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Dedrick et al.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dinwiddie et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by amending claims 1, 5 and 9 to include the limitations of claim 14 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 2 depends from claim 1, claim 6 depends from claim 5 and claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 9. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9-11 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Dinwiddie et al.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Dinwiddie et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by amending claim 9 to include the limitations of claim 14 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 12 depends from claim 9, accordingly, claim 12 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Dinwiddie et al.

Claims 3, 7 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Dinwiddie et al. and Inoue et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by amending claims 1, 5 and 9 to include the limitations of claim 14 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 3 depends from claim 1, claim 7 depends from claim 5 and claim 13 depends from claim 9. Accordingly, claims 3, 7 and 13 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Dinwiddie et al. and Inoue et al.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 14-16 are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-13.

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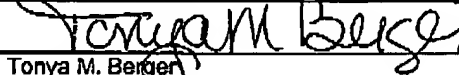
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